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ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS, AND PERSONNEL OF THE DAMW (4 pp; German; undated)

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This document is a 4-page, photostated report on the DAMW (German Office for the Inspection of Materials and Goods), Behrendtstrasse 65, Berlin W 8, and contains the following information:

The DAMW belongs to the Central Office for Research and Technology, is under the administration of the Ministry of Planning, and has about 200 offices under its jurisdiction. The organizational breakdown of the DAMW, whose function is to inspect industrial products, is as follows: Technical Departments for 1) Mafo (Machine-Building, Precision and Optical Instruments); 2) Metals; 3) Electrical Equipment; 4) Wood and Cultural Goods; 5) Construction Materials; 6) Ceramics, Glass, Paper, and Chemicals; 7) Leather; 8) Textiles; 9) Foods and Luxury Items; and 10) Central Standards-Supervision. Brief descriptions, including political affiliations, are given for the directors of nine of these technical departments. Difficulties encountered by the various technical departments in their inspection duties include: a) ball bearings: most of the GDR's ~~five~~ five ball-bearing plants have a high percentage of rejects (20-100 percent); b) defective, poor-quality cast metal, sheet metal, girders, bars, etc; c) construction materials: bottlenecks in the production of fine sieves and wire meshing; d) very poor quality of the dyes. Data is also given on the inspection and testing laboratories, including: location, name and brief description of the directors, nature of research conducted and type of products inspected at each laboratory. Some of the inspection stations are stationary; others are either mobile testing stations or commissions. About 150 persons are employed in the central office of the DAMW, and about 1,200 in the branch offices. The president of the DAMW is Rueffle, Grad. Eng., who is also the technical and organizational director. The directors of the three main divisions of the DAMW are: 1) Personnel Division - Hoffmann; 2) Administrative Division - Blum; 3) Planning, Evaluation, and Research Division - Schaefer. A brief description of each individual is given. The Planning, Evaluation, and Research Division evaluates the work of the nine technical departments, and submits quarterly status reports on the quality of the industrial products to the Ministry of Planning.

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